

**REMARKS**

The Examiner objected to claims 1 and 3 to 6 as being indefinite. Applicants request the withdrawal and reconsideration of this objection in view of the amendment to claim 1 and the following remarks.

As suggested by the Examiner Applicants have replaced the term “stable” with water-stable in claim 1. Applicants has have also amended claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner to include the phrase “with amino groups in the protein, which does not rapidly revert to the free amine and sugar when placed in aqueous solution” after the term “derivative”.

Applicants submit that in view of the amendment to claim 1, the claims comply with 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the Applicants’ amendment and discussion , Applicants believe that the amended claims are in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If it is believed that a further interview will expedite prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ attorney Adrian M. Kaplan at Heenan Blaikie LLP, at (416) 643-6972, at her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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